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## City of Taunton 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Taunton, MA... Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced the City will be holding a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to honor victims, families, and first responders.

"On this solemn day we remember and mourn the nearly 3,000 lives lost on Sept 11, 2001. As we come together in prayer and hope for the future of this great nation, we honor the bravery and sacrifices made by first responders and ordinary citizens," O'Connell said.

"I'm grateful that under the current circumstances, we are still able at some way to honor all the heroes of 9/11 who gave their lives on that day," Fire Chief Bradshaw said.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in following state guidelines to keep all citizens as safe as possible, the City of Taunton will be airing a special 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony video on Taunton Community Access and Media Inc. (TCAM) at 8:46am on September 11 and throughout the day.

The City of Taunton will join the tradition of the "Tribute in Light" by illuminating Church Green and Taunton Green in blue to honor the lives lost and the selfless contributions of first responders. The illumination will take place from September 10th at dusk through September 13<sup>th</sup> at dawn. The youth from Project 351 has also created a tribute stone garden with the names of 9/11 victims that will be placed at Church Green for the public to stop by and view.

Taunton churches have been invited to ring their bells four times on September 11 at the following times: 8:46 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:43 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Each time the bells ring on this day, we will remember the sadness of the attacks, the innocent victims, the sacrifice and bravery, and the strength of our nation.

"Tauntonians stand tall, united, and committed to memorializing the loss, the sacrifice, and the bravery we all witnessed on September 11, 2001." O'Connell said.
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